

In the Specification:

Please AMEND the paragraph [0008], line 2 (in the published application, e.g., [0006] in the application as filed), with the following:

[0008] First, the light sent out by the light source 1 is approximately collimated by a collimator lens ~~[[103]]~~ 101, and is incident on the first prism 110. Then, the sent light is reflected by the beam-splitting surface 111 towards a beam expander 140, and emerges from the prism 110 through an incident/emergent port 112. The beam expander 140 broadens the width of the sent light and projects it towards the other apparatus (not shown in the drawings).

Please AMEND the paragraph [0044], line 5 (in the published application, e.g., [0041] in the application as filed), with the following:

[0044] Moreover, other than an APD, it is also conceivable to use a PIN photodiode for the light-receiving element 2. Furthermore, it is also conceivable to capture the received light beam with the light-receiving element 2 such that it travels along a path which is opposite to that in ~~FIG. 3~~ FIG. 2, after being coupled into the optical fiber 9.

Please AMEND the paragraph [0050], line 1 (in the published application, e.g., [0046] in the application as filed) with the following:

[0050] ~~FIG. 2~~ FIG. 3 shows the structure of a communication optical system of a free-space optics communication apparatus according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention.